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SORROW IN MANY HOMES OF THE POOR

There Are No Bright Festive Boards With Good Things to Eat—Other Things to Make Day a Pleasure, Missing.

YOUNG SOCIETY WOMAN IS WORKING TODAY.

She Is Distributing Baskets Of Good Things to Many Poor Homes, Which Would Probably Be Dark Otherwise

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

THE USUAL NUMBER OF POOR PEOPLE WERE ON HAND TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE IN SHAPE OF FOOD, FUEL AND CLOTHING.

To the average resident of this city today is Christmas—the day for exchanging gifts and of good cheer. To the poorer classes it is not Christmas. It is just an ordinary cold, winter day—which means continued suffering because there is no coal in many of their little homes.

In hundreds of homes this noon, happy people will sit at festive boards graced by turkey and other good things. In a number of other homes where a bounteous Christmas meal was enjoyed last Christmas, the discouraged men, out of employment, will sit with their families before almost bare boards.

Many good people, however, brought good cheer, in the shape of well filled Christmas baskets to unhappy homes which the wolf guards. One young woman, a daughter of a most prominent family and a society leader, worked this morning from the rise of the sun, delivering baskets filled with good things, to east to the homes of worthy poor people. "I have been reading in the Palladium of the suffering among the poor and yesterday I decided that unless I did something today which would bring a little happiness into the hearts of a few unfortunates, I would not enjoy my Christmas," she stated to a Palladium reporter.

At the headquarters of the Associated Charities, which did not close today because it was a holiday, the usual number of poor people were on hand to obtain assistance in the shape of food, clothing and fuel. As they sat in the office and waited their turn to secure donations the merry Christmas bells brought no glad tidings to them.

The Palladium fund is still growing and every cent that is raised is being promptly used by the Associated Charities in relieving the wants of the needy.

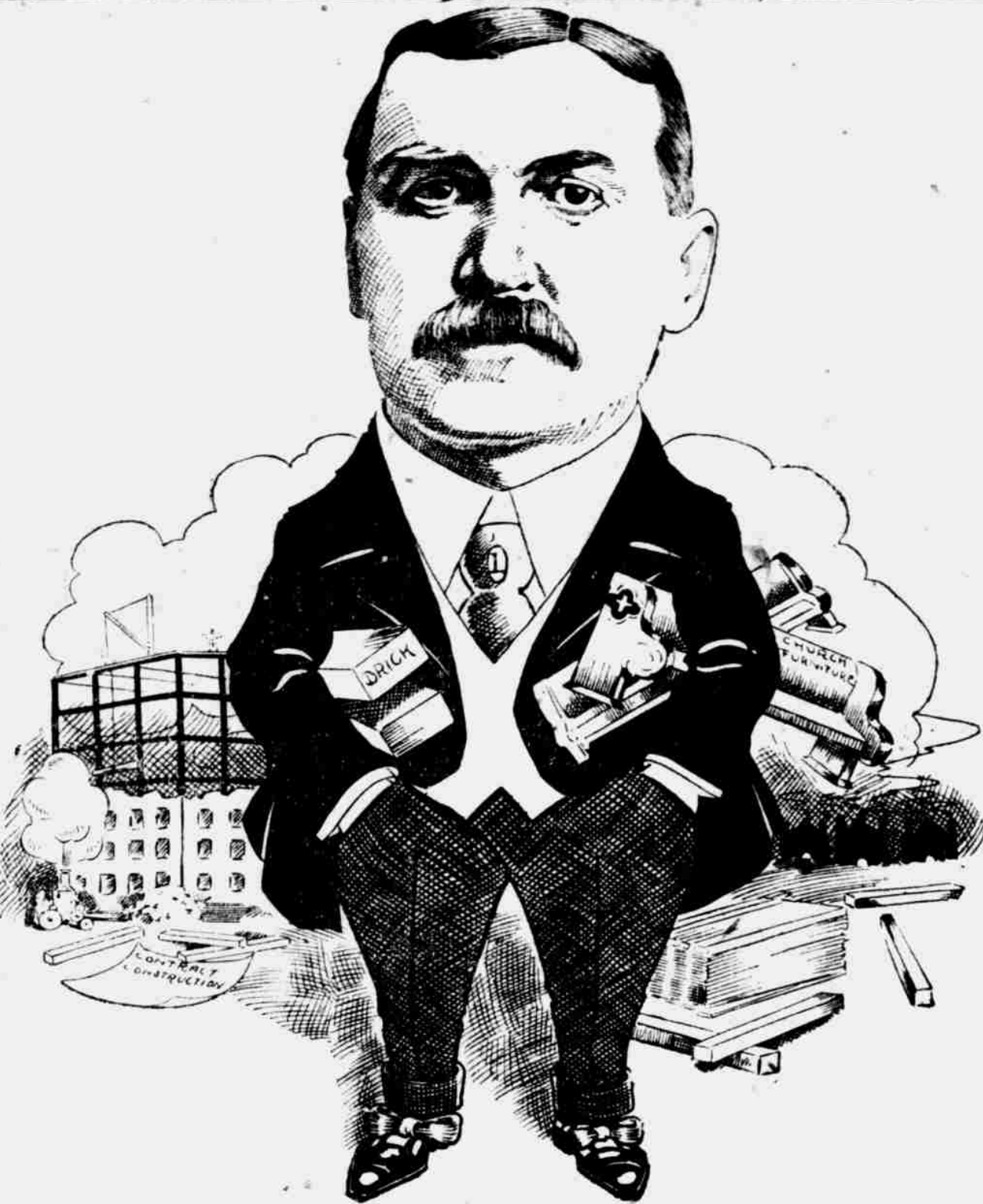
The contributions are not coming in as fast as was expected when the Palladium decided to appeal to charity of its readers for these unfortunate citizens. Now that the busy holiday season is over and our readers have finished buying gifts for their loved ones they will turn their attention to their unfortunate brothers and extend the helping hand.

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MEN OF AFFAIRS IN RICHMOND



EBON LOUCK, Contractor, Builder, Manufacturer.

BUNCO GAME DID NOT WORK IN STORE

Man Bought Good Bill of Goods and Told Clerk His "Son" Would Pay.

THE SON WAS ANOTHER MAN

IN CONSEQUENCE HE REFUSED TO SETTLE—PERPETRATOR SAID ALL WAS A JOKE AND OTHERS CONSIDERED IT SO.

Even in the midst of the busy shopping season, such as has been on for the past two weeks, some men who are practical jokers, can not refrain from having some fun at the expense of the over-worked clerks at the stores. Such is said to have been the cause of a rather singular incident which occurred at the Big store Monday afternoon.

A middle aged man entered the store about the same time that a young man entered the place. The elderly man made several purchases and when it was time to pay for the articles he carelessly pointed to the young man standing near and stated that the bill would be paid by his son, and then leisurely sauntered out. The clerk was "taken in" at first, but soon his suspicions were aroused and on presenting the bill to the "son," the latter refused to accept the older man as a parent. The clerk then knew that he was "done." Without delay a posse of clerks started in pursuit and soon located the "practical joker" doing a "hikeum vernoosom" down the side street. He was soon overtaken and collection forthwith made. The man explained that it was one of his own practical jokes. The clerks did not seem to appreciate the joke.

NO CHRISTMAS MARRIAGE LICENSE

County Clerk Penny Disconsolate Yesterday.

Yesterday County Clerk Harry Penny was disconsolate. It was the day before Christmas and not a bashful bride-to-be, or tongue-tied groom-to-be appeared at his office to secure a marriage license. As a general rule the county clerk does a land office business in marriage licenses the day before Christmas. Four licenses were issued Monday.

OFFICIALS PUTTING DENTS IN TURKEYS.

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INDIANA PEOPLE LIVING FAST PACE

Dr. J. N. Hurty Says It Is One That Kills Eventually.

HEART DISEASE INCREASES.

LIFE IS TOO COMPLEX, TOO HURRIED, TOO STRENUOUS, AND THE SIMPLE LIFE SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY CURE.

The pace that kills is killing more persons each year in Indiana. Statistics show it, and Dr. J. N. Hurty, state health officer, confirms the figures. "It's an expression of nature against the complex life," said Dr. Hurty. "The excitement and tension of present day living is having its effect," said Dr. Buehler.

Dr. Hurty produced figures to show that deaths from all heart diseases during 1905 in Indiana aggregated 2,673, while in the year following, 1906, the deaths were 2,850, a decided increase. Statistics gathered for the present year thus far indicate a continued increase.

Simple Life the Only Cure.

"It's the constant strain under which so many people are now living," said Dr. Hurty. "Life is too complex, too hurried, too strenuous. The tendency seems to have increased toward excesses of all kinds—eating, drinking, working and amusing one's self. Late hours is a cause. It is undoubtedly true that business and social conditions have inclined more and more in the direction that makes the wear and tear on the heart too severe. The simple life is the only cure I would suggest."

THOUSANDS OF TURKEYS SOLD

Estimated that at Least 3,000 Will Be Devoured.

MARKET A BUSY SCENE.

It is estimated that between 3,000 and 4,000 turkeys will be devoured today by the good people of Richmond. At 6 o'clock last night nearly every grocery in the city was asked if they had any turkeys left. These inquiries revealed the fact that the grocers and meat markets had been gutted of their supply of the great American bird.

The only place in the city last night where turkeys were obtainable was at the South Sixth street market and there was only a limited supply on hand there. This supply was exhausted long before market closed.

There was a land office business done by the farmers who attended market last evening, as hundreds of thrifty housewives were there looking for their Christmas meals and every good thing offered for sale was purchased. There was a big sale of rabbits, ducks and chickens.

AN AGED COUPLE CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Critchlow Quietly Celebrated Fiftieth Anniversary in Company With Few Friends.

HAVE BEEN RESIDENTS OF RICHMOND 31 YEARS.

Mr. Critchlow Is an Old Railroad Man and Was Connected With This Business When It Was in Its Infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Critchlow quietly celebrated their fiftieth marriage anniversary Tuesday, at their home, 282 Fort Wayne avenue. Their children and grandchildren, and a company of friends and relatives were present. They were married December 24, 1857, at Peru, Ind., by the Rev. Thomas Stahler of the Methodist Episcopal church. Just 35 years later he married their youngest daughter in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Critchlow have three children, five grand children, and one great grandson. The children are Mrs. Cora Ronan, of Columbus, O., Wilbur W. Critchlow, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Celia Cromer, of Brightwood, Ind.

Mr. Critchlow is an old railroad man, having followed that business for 43 years, twenty-one years a track man, and twenty-two years a conductor. He commenced track laying on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad near Pittsburgh, in 1851, and followed that through to Fort Wayne, the final connection being made at Monroeville, Indiana, fifteen miles east of Fort Wayne, on Oct. 2, 1854. The track layers went into Fort Wayne on the first train that ever arrived in that city.

The train was in charge of Conductor A. P. Conn and engineer D. B. Stope, the engine being named "Delphus," arrived at Fort Wayne at three o'clock in the morning. Mr. Critchlow helped to unload the first locomotive that was ever in Ft. Wayne from a canal boat on June 18, 1854. Mr. Critchlow has lived in Richmond 31 years. He has been a master Mason more than fifty years and has been custodian of the Masonic Temple for nine years.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL IS MUCH BETTER

However It Will Be Impossible To Remove Him.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—The condition of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, who is ill at the Claypool hotel, was reported as improved yesterday, but Mr. Mitchell is still very weak, and it is not now thought that it will be possible for him to spend Christmas at his home in Spring Valley, Ill. It was thought Sunday, because of the improvement shown in his condition, that it would be possible for him to be taken to his home today, but it was decided yesterday that he did not show sufficient improvement to justify his taking the trip. It is believed, however, that a few more days of rest will put him on his feet.

THREE MEN ACCUSED OF WRECK KILLED 43 PERSONS

Faced the Charge of Manslaughter.

WRECK KILLED 43 PERSONS

Washington, Dec. 25.—A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury last night in the case of Engineer Hilbrand, Conductor Hoffmeyer, Fireman McClellan and brakeman Rudder, the train crew who were indicted for manslaughter in connection with the wreck at Terra Cotta, D. C., on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad on December 30, 1906, in which 43 persons were killed and upward of three scores injured. The trial had been in progress for three weeks and the verdict was reached after four hours' deliberation.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair in south, snow in north portion today; Thursday, fair and colder.

OHIO—Increasing cloudiness and warmer.

BRYAN LOVE FEAST IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana Democrats to Hear And Meet Nebraskan.

FEBRUARY IS FAVORED.

A big Bryan love feast, to be participated in by democrats all over the state, is contemplated by the directors of the Indiana Democratic club, in Indianapolis. The matter has already been discussed with favor by the directors and a meeting to appoint committees and name speakers will be held shortly.

Tentative plans are for a banquet at Tomlinson Hall, with covers laid for several hundred. The galleries, boxes and stage could be filled with those not sitting at the tables. Seats of honor would be given democratic mayors, district and county chairmen, state committeemen and other officers. The managers insist that the meeting will be for all democrats—not for any particular faction or any particular candidate. Persons not willing to come without carrying "bills" beneath their coats will be expected to stay away. Harmony will be the watchword and Bryan will utter it. February 15 is the date favored.

MYRIAD LIGHTS BLINKED AND THEN WERE EXTINGUISHED

As They One by One Ceased to Shed Their Rays, Just as Slowly Did the End of Busiest Shopping Season Come

STREETS WERE CROWDED ALL OF TUESDAY NIGHT.

Everywhere Spirit of Christmas-tide and Good Cheer Ruled and Happy People Were Everywhere.

When the midnight bells joyously rang in Christmas Day, there was still a good sized crowd of belated shoppers on the streets. As they hurried to their homes the myriad electric lights in the busy stores blinked and then gradually, one by one went out. Then the tired clerks left the stores and walked slowly to their homes. Their departure marked the close of what was a very busy holiday season to the Richmond merchants. This year not so many local shoppers put off their buying until the last moment, nevertheless there was a good sized crowd of "wait-until-the-eleventh-hour" purchasers in evidence Christmas eve. These gift-seekers were mostly men, who postpone as long as possible the agony of Christmas shopping, then when the last opportunity comes along plunge madly into onestore after another, purchase right and left the first things that greet their eyes and finally start homeward burdened down like a pack mule, with facial expression which clearly read "well than heaven its all over."

Richmond will have a fat and merry Christmas. The reports from the local merchants and the happy expressions on the faces of people seen on the streets this morning bespeak this fact. No record sales have been made in Richmond this season, but the merchants have done a splendid business, which will measure up well with the Christmas holiday business of last year.

Last night the spirit of the Yuletide was rampant in the downtown streets. The show windows were brilliant with Christmas displays and gifts that sung a siren song to the shoppers, adorned the counters. From early in the morning yesterday until the mellow notes of the midnight bells heralded Christmas day, rivers of people streamed along the sidewalks, hurrying from one store to another.

Inside the stores, the aisles were filled with people picking and pricing, consulting shopping lists, striving to select gifts that suited the tastes of those they love, and finally making the decisive plunge of purchase.

The streets were also merry with pleasure seekers who also thronged the theatres, the rink and places of amusement and good cheer.

BUYS WHEAT AT \$1.00

J. W. Brumfield of Milton, Purchased 500 Bushels.

Milton, Ind., Dec. 25.—J. W. Brumfield, of the River Boier flour mills, has begun making flour. He purchased 500 bushels of wheat of Linville, Wallace, for which he paid \$1 a bushel.

BEVERIDGE THANKS SECRETARY HAAS FOR RESOLUTIONS

He However Does Not State In His Letter Just How He Will Stand on Parcels Post Legislation Now Pending.

SAYS IF HE DOES TAKE STAND, WILL BE FOR RIGHT

Says He Would Be Pleased to Submit Resolutions to Senate and Will Give It to Committee on Post Roads.

Secretary E. M. Haas of the Commercial Club, has received a letter from Senator Albert J. Beveridge, in which he expresses his thanks for the communication from the local club relative to the parcels post bill now pending in congress. The senator, however, does not say what his position on the bill is, and does not promise to take the same derogatory view that the local club did in their resolutions against the parcels post bill. The letter follows:

United States Senate, Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1907.

My dear Mr. Haas: Thank you for your letter of December 19th, enclosing the resolutions adopted by the Commercial Club, of Richmond, with regard to the Parcels Post Bill. I am examining this legislation with care, and shall be glad if I find it possible to concur with the views of the Commercial Club. On the other hand, if I do not, you will understand that it is because I do not think it is the right thing to do.

I shall also be pleased to present these resolutions to the Senate, with the request that they be referred to the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, which has this matter directly in charge.

Hoping that the Commercial Club will favor me with its views on any legislation which may be of interest to it, I am,

Very truly yours, ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE.

180 DIVORCE CASES ALL IN ONE DAY

New York Magistrate Does a Big Business.

CURIOUS THROG LOOKS ON

New York, Dec. 25.—It was a curious crowd of people that thronged, choked and fought for entrance to Justice Newburger's part of the Supreme Court yesterday morning. There were 180 divorce cases on for hearing. Sixty-one of the causes were ready and Justice Newburger said he was prepared to sit until after Christmas Day dawned to dispose of them. He got rid of twenty-four yesterday.

"BEAUTIFUL BACKS" BEST PRAISE HE GIVES

French Editor Criticises American Women.

THINKS HER HYPOCRITICAL

New York, Dec. 25.—"The American woman," said M. Alexander Ulmar, the foreign editor of Le Petit Journal, our latest and sternest critic, "has a fine back."

"I saw it in all its beauty at the Metropolitan Opera house last night, and I must say I admired it. Also her shoulders, which she so proudly exhibits."

"But for the rest of my opinions of her have not altered from those I expressed last week, except that I think her more hypocritical even than I had supposed."

"Seen in all her splendor at the opera, she certainly is more beautiful than the French woman, but she has neither her grace nor her charm."

ON TO CAPITAL CITY

Many Richmond Men Will Hear Beveridge.

Several Richmond laboring men, are planning to go to Indianapolis December 30, and hear Senator Beveridge, when he speaks before the Central Labor council at Tomlinson hall.